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SUBJ: DOLS TEN MILLION SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR JORDAN

REF: STATE 121827

1. WITH THE OPENING OF NEW FISCAL YEAR, PRIME MINISTER HAS AGAIN SOUGHT SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON WHEN PAYMENT OF NEXT INSTALLMENT IN US SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE CAN TAKE PLACE. HE MAKES POINT THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES (REFTEL) TO PROVIDE AS EARLY IN FISCAL YEAR AS POSSIBLE LONG-DELAYED \$10 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FROM FY-74.

2. I EXPLAINED TO RIFAI THAT WE HAD REQUEST VERY MUCH IN MIND AND THAT, AS I HAD TOLD HIM EARLIER, CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED BEFORE DISBURSEMENT CAN BE MADE. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DIP INTO CURRENCY COVER AND THAT HE HAD RECENTLY "BORROWED" \$3 MILLION FROM JORDAN PHOSPHATE COMPANY TO COVER URGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CASH. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT QUARTERLY ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO JORDANIAN MILITARY HAD BEEN HELD UP BECAUSE OF CASH SHORTAGES AND THIS WAS ALREADY CAUSING HIM PROBLEMS. HE HOPED THAT PAYMENT COULD BE MADE BEFORE JULY 20TH WHICH WAS CUT-OFF FOR CURRENT MONTH'S DISBURSEMENTS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM POST FOR RELAY TO

PRIME MINISTER BEST ESTIMATE OF DATE ON WHICH DIS-
BURESMENT OF FUNDS CAN BE MADE TO JORDAN AS INDICATED
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